

# PARKERSELL LIMITED

Report and Financial Statements

31 December 1994

Touche Ross & Co. Mountbatten House 1 Grosvenor Square Southampton SO15 2BE





# REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 1994

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# OFFICERS AND PROFESSIONAL ADVISERS

#### DIRECTORS

D B Mathews (Chairman)

M L Hopkins (Managing Director)

D W Guthrie

T W Parker

D J Harrison

D Waterstone

#### **SECRETARY**

D W Guthrie

#### REGISTERED OFFICE

Parkersell House Cranworth Road Winchester Hampshire SO22 6SQ

#### **BANKERS**

National Westminster Bank Plc 21 Lombard Street London EC3P 3AR

## **AUDITORS**

Touche Ross & Co. Chartered Accountants Mountbatten House 1 Grosvenor Square Southampton SO15 2BE



# **DIRECTORS' REPORT**

The directors present their report and the audited financial statements for the 9 month period ended 31 December 1994.

# REVIEW OF THE BUSINESS

The group's principal activity during the period continued to be the installation and maintenance of lighting and electrical equipment.

#### RESULTS AND DIVIDENDS

The group profit for the period after taxation amounted to £985,566 (31 March 1994: £1,348,680) and is dealt with as shown in the profit and loss account.

The directors propose a final dividend of 69.89 pence (31 March 1994: 95.66 pence) per share. The retained profit for the period has been transferred to reserves.

#### FUTURE PROSPECTS

The directors expect the group to continue trading profitably in the future.

#### FINANCIAL YEAR END

The company changed its financial year end from 31 March to 31 December during the period.

#### FIXED ASSETS

Movements in fixed assets during the period are shown in notes 11 and 12 to the accounts.

#### DIRECTORS AND THEIR INTERESTS

The present membership of the Board is set out on page 1.

Messrs D J Harrison and D W Guthrie are the directors retiring by rotation under article 89 and being eligible offer themselves for re-election.

No director had any interest in the share capital of the company or any group undertaking at 31 December 1994.

## EMPLOYEE INVOLVEMENT

The group has for many years been fully committed to securing the full co-operation and involvement of its employees in the success of the business.

This is achieved by direct communication and consultation with all employees and with representatives, where appropriate, at the locations in which they work. Employees are regularly informed of the performance and progress of their company by briefing groups and are encouraged to maximise company performance by means of incentive schemes.

#### DISABLED EMPLOYEES

The group gives every consideration to applications for employment from disabled persons where the requirements of the job may be adequately fulfilled by a handicapped or disabled person.

Where existing employees become disabled, it is the group's policy wherever practicable to provide continuing employment under normal terms and conditions and to provide training and career development and promotion wherever appropriate.



# **DIRECTORS' REPORT (continued)**

#### **AUDITORS**

Touche Ross & Co. have expressed their willingness to continue in office as auditors and a resolution to re-appoint them will be proposed at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Approved by the Board of Directors and signed on behalf of the Board

D W Guthrie

Secretary

6 April 1995



## STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and group as at the end of the financial year and of the profit or loss of the group for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the group will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the group and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.



#### **Chartered Accountants**

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#### **Parkersell Limited**

# **AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS**

We have audited the financial statements on pages 6 to 21 which have been prepared under the accounting policies set out on pages 10 and 11.

#### Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described on page 4 the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of financial statements. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion, based on our audit, on these statements and to report our opinion to you.

#### Basis of opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Auditing Standards issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the directors in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

#### **Opinion**

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and the group as at 31 December 1994 and of the profit of the group for the 9 month period then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

TOUCHE ROSS & CO.

Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors

6 April 1995

Aberdeen, Bath, Belfast, Birmingham, Bournemouth, Bracknell, Bristol, Cambridge, Cardiff, Crawley, Dartford, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Leeds, Leicester, Liverpool, London, Manchester, Milton Keynes, Newcastle upon Tyne, Nottingham and Southampton.

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Principal place of business at which a list of partners' names is available: Stonecutter Court, 1 Stonecutter Street, London EC4A 4TR.

Authorised by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales to carry on investment business.



# CONSOLIDATED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT 9 month period ended 31 December 1994

	Note	Continuing operations 9 months to 31 December 1994	Continuing operations 12 months to 31 March 1994 £
TURNOVER	2	32,988,947	34,762,618
Change in stocks and work in progress		892,746	1,037,005
		33,881,693	35,799,623
Raw materials and consumables		(14,063,522)	(13,971,433)
		19,818,171	21,828,190
Staff costs	5	(11,118,514)	(12,428,124)
Depreciation		(1,467,629)	(1,595,660) (6,028,475)
Other operating costs		(5,956,411)	(6,028,473)
		(18,542,554)	(20,052,259)
OPERATING PROFIT	3	1,275,617	1,775,931
Profit on sale of fixed assets		352,705	234,783
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE INTEREST		1,628,322	2,010,714
Interest receivable	6	4,883	47,785
Interest payable	7	(91,374)	(35,216)
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION		1,541,831	2,023,283
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	8	(556,265)	(674,603)
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES AFTER TAXATION		985,566	1,348,680
Minority interests		(7,097)	(9,373)
PROFIT FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD	9	978,469	1,339,307
Dividends paid and proposed	10	(489,235)	(669,653)
RETAINED PROFIT FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD	20	489,234	669,654



# CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

# 31 December 1994

	Note	31 December 1994 £	31 March 1994 £
FIXED ASSETS Tangible assets	11	5,172,606	3,797,717
CURRENT ASSETS Stocks and work in progress Debtors Amounts due from group undertakings Cash at bank and in hand	13 14 15	5,036,617 10,181,661 67,952 383,565 15,669,795	4,143,871 9,297,611 207,666 584,614 14,233,762
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	16	(10,265,811)	(7,888,919)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		5,403,984	6,344,843
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		10,576,590	10,142,560
CREDITORS: amounts falling due after more than one year	17	(128,486)	(241,538)
PROVISION FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES	18	(28,368)	-
EQUITY MINORITY INTERESTS		(181,733)	(174,636)
TOTAL NET ASSETS		10,238,003	9,726,386
CAPITAL AND RESERVES Called up share capital Share premium account Other reserves Profit and loss account	19 20 20 20	700,000 238 26,791 9,510,974	700,000 238 26,791 8,999,357
TOTAL EQUITY SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS		10,238,003	9,726,386

These financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 6 April 1995.

Signed on behalf of the Board of Directors

D B Mathews

M L Hopkins

Director

Director

6 April 1995

6 April 1995



# BALANCE SHEET 31 December 1994

	Notes	31 December 1994 £	31 March 1994 £
FIXED ASSETS		420.220	462 001
Tangible assets	11	439,329	463,991
Investments	12	5,940,958	2,940,958
		6,380,287	3,404,949
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	14	130,896	40,805
Amounts due from group undertakings	15	1,321,749	991,542
		1,452,645	1,032,347
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	16	(4,268,797)	(3,764,092)
one year			
NET CURRENT LIABILITIES		(2,816,152)	(2,731,745)
TOTAL NET ASSETS		3,564,135	673,204
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Called up share capital	19	700,000	700,000
Share premium account	20	238	238
Other reserves	20	26,791	26,791
Profit and loss account	20	2,837,106	(53,825)
TOTAL EQUITY SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS		3,564,135	673,204

These financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 6 April 1995.

Signed on behalf of the Board of Directors

D B Mathews

Director

6 April 1995

M L Hopkins

Director

6 April 1995



# STATEMENT OF TOTAL RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES 9 month period ended 31 December 1994

	9 months to 31 December 1994 £	12 months to 31 March 1994 £
Profit for the financial period	978,469	1,339,307
Currency translation differences on foreign currency net investments	22,383	(33,834)
Total recognised gains and losses for the period	1,000,852	1,305,473



#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### Basis of preparation

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards. The particular accounting policies adopted by the directors are described below.

#### **Accounting convention**

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the revaluation of freehold properties.

#### Basis of consolidation

The group accounts consolidate the accounts of Parkersell Limited and all its subsidiary undertakings drawn up for the 9 month period ending 31 December 1994 (comparatives: 12 months ended 31 March 1994). No profit and loss account is presented for Parkersell Limited as permitted by section 230 of the Companies Act 1985.

#### Cash flow statement

The company has taken advantage of the exemption contained in FRS1 not to publish its own cashflow statement as it is a wholly owned subsidiary of Energy and Technical Services Group plc and its cashflows are dealt with in the consolidated cashflows of that company.

#### Goodwill

Depending on the circumstances of each acquisition, purchased goodwill is either written off directly against reserves or amortised through the profit and loss account over the directors' estimate of its useful life.

#### Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided on cost in equal annual instalments over the estimated useful lives of the assets. The rates of depreciation are as follows:

Freehold buildings 2% per annum
Short leasehold improvements 10% per annum

Plant and equipment 20% per annum

Computer and office equipment 10% to 33 1/3% per annum

Private vehicles 25% to 33 1/3% per annum

Commercial vehicles 25% to 40% per annum

#### Stocks and work in progress

Stocks and work in progress are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost includes materials, direct labour and production overheads appropriate to the relevant stage of production. Net realisable value is based on estimated selling price less all further costs to completion and all relevant marketing, selling and distribution costs.

#### Market research

Expenditure on market research is written off in the period in which it is incurred.



#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### **Deferred taxation**

Deferred taxation is provided on timing differences, arising from the different treatment of items for accounts and taxation purposes, which are expected to reverse in the future, calculated at rates at which it is estimated that tax will arise.

#### Foreign currencies

#### Company

Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded at the rate ruling at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the rate of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. All differences are taken to the profit and loss account.

#### Group

The accounts of overseas subsidiary undertakings are translated at the rate of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. The exchange differences arising on the retranslation of the opening net assets are taken directly to retained profits. All other translation differences are taken to the profit and loss account.

#### Hire purchase commitments

Assets held under hire purchase contracts are capitalised at their fair value on the inception of leases and depreciated over their estimated useful lives. The finance charges are allocated over the period of the lease in proportion to the capital amount outstanding.

Rentals are charged to the profit and loss account in equal annual amounts over the lease term.

#### Pension

The expected cost of providing pensions, as calculated periodically by professionally qualified actuaries, is charged to the profit and loss account so as to spread the cost over the service lives of employees in the scheme operated by the group in such a way that the pension cost is a substantially level percentage of current and expected future pensionable payroll.

#### Investments

Investments are stated at cost less provision for permanent diminution in value.

#### 2. TURNOVER

Turnover represents the amounts derived from the provision of goods and services which fall within the group's ordinary activities, stated net of value added tax.

The turnover and pre-tax profit are attributable to one activity, the installation and maintenance of lighting and electrical equipment.

Group turnover by geographical location was as follows:

	Turn	over	Operatir	ng profit
	9 months to 31 December	· · ·	9 months to 31 December	12 months to 31 March
	1994 £	1994 £	1994 £	1994 £
United Kingdom Rest of Europe	27,558,424 5,430,523	28,743,725 6,018,893	1,502,627 125,695	1,744,485 266,229
	32,988,947	34,762,618	1,628,322	2,010,714



# 3. OPERATING PROFIT

э.	OPERATING PROFIT		
		9 months to 31 December 1994 £	12 months to 31 March 1994 £
	Operating profit is after charging:	r	£
	Auditors' remunerations		
	Audit fees	24,000	42,284
	Other services	5,500	1,650
	Hire of plant and machinery	367,813	232,424
	Leasehold property rents	728,308	622,443
4.	DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION		
		9 months to	12 months to
		31 December	31 March
		1994	1994
		£	£
	Emoluments (including pension contributions)	248,185	239,511
	Emoluments (excluding pension contributions) of		
	the chairman	82,325	27,329
	Emoluments (excluding pension contributions) of		
	the highest paid director	82,325	87,197
		<u> </u>	
	Scale of directors' remuneration (excluding pension contributions)	No.	No.
	£Nil - £ 5,000	1	1
	£10,001 - £15,000	2	-
	£20,001 - £25,000	-	1
	£25,001 - £30,000	-	2
	£45,001 - £50,000	1	-
	£55,001 - £60,000	-	1
	£70,001 - £75,000	1	-
	£80,001 - £85,000	1	1

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# 5. STAFF COSTS

	9 months to 31 December 1994 £	12 months to 31 March 1994 £
Wages and salaries Social security costs Other pension costs	9,718,810 1,181,256 218,448	10,852,694 1,327,675 247,755
	11,118,514	12,428,124
The average weekly number of employees during the period, including director		
	No.	No.
Management	71	74
Sales	53	54
Administration	185	185
Operations	590	568

# 6. INTEREST RECEIVABLE

	9 months to 31 December 1994	12 months to 31 March 1994
	£	£
Parent company	-	26,546
Bank interest	4,883	21,239
	4,883	47,785

## 7. INTEREST PAYABLE

	9 months to 31 December 1994 £	12 months to 31 March 1994 £
Bank loans and overdrafts wholly repayable within five years Finance charges payable under hire	3,365	21,702
purchase contracts Parent company	17,071 70,938	13,514
1 arcm company	91,374	35,216



## 8. TAX ON PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES

	9 months to 31	12 months to 31
	December 1994	<b>March 1994</b>
	£	£
United Kingdom corporation tax at 33% (31 March		
1994: 33%) based on profit for the period	486,408	582,500
Over provision in previous years - Corporation tax	(6,282)	(16,303)
Deferred taxation	28,368	-
Overseas taxation	47,771	108,406
	556,265	674,603
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# 9. PROFIT FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD

The profit, before dividends paid, dealt with in the accounts of the parent company was £3,380,166 (31 March 1994: £569,975).

#### 10. DIVIDENDS

	9 months to 31	12 months to 31
	December 1994	March 1994
	£	£
Final proposed - 69.89pence (31 March 1994: 95.66		
pence) per ordinary share	489,235	669,653

## 11. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

Group	Freehold properties £	Short leasehold improve- ments £	Plant and machinery	Computer and office equipment £	Motor vehicles £	Total £
Cost or valuation						
At 1 April 1994	536,964	291,442	870,781	1,110,880	5,107,902	7,917,969
Exchange adjustments	1,595	296	1,345	2,550	6,731	12,517
Additions	2,801	73,270	259,788	173,258	2,410,290	2,919,407
Disposals		(2,417)	(29,198)	(17,150)	(1,417,900)	(1,466,665)
At 31 December 1994	541,360	362,591	1,102,716	1,269,538	6,107,023	9,383,228
Depreciation						
At 1 April 1994	75,961	107,847	492,947	789,315	2,654,182	4,120,252
Exchange adjustments	205	257	3,159	(670)	3,546	6,497
Charge for the year	7,483	30,539	129,250	127,781	1,172,576	1,467,629
Disposals	-	(706)	(10,662)	(15,626)	(1,356,762)	(1,383,756)
At 31December 1994	83,649	137,937	614,694	900,800	2,473,542	4,210,622
Net book value						
At 31 December 1994	457,711	224,654	488,022	368,738	3,633,481	5,172,606
At 31 March 1994	461,003	183,595	377,834	321,565	2,453,720	3,797,717



## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

# 9 month period ended 31 December 1994

## 11. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS (continued)

The net book value of vehicles above includes an amount of £327,726 (31 March 1994: £298,532) in respect of vehicles held under hire purchase contracts.

Freehold properties £	Computer and office equipment £	Motor vehicles £	Total £
463,182	•	80,522	577,717
-	7,694		7,694
463,182	41,707	80,522	585,411
66,406	25,793	21,527	113,726
6,310	5,917	20,129	32,356
72,716	31,710	41,656	146,082
390,466	9,997	38,866	439,329
396,776	8,220	58,995	463,991
	463,182 	Freehold properties         and office equipment           £         £           463,182         34,013 7,694           463,182         41,707           66,406 6,310         25,793 5,917           72,716         31,710           390,466         9,997	Freehold properties         and office equipment         Motor vehicles           £         £         £           463,182         34,013         80,522           7,694         -           463,182         41,707         80,522           66,406         25,793         21,527           6,310         5,917         20,129           72,716         31,710         41,656           390,466         9,997         38,866

The cost or valuation of freehold property at the beginning and end of the financial period comprises:

	Group £	Company £
At cost At valuation	487,610 53,750	409,432 53,750
	541,360	463,182

Freehold property was revalued in 1973 on an open market value basis. Depreciation provided has been based on the revalued amount and additions at cost. In the opinion of the directors the difference between book value at cost and the revalued amount is not material.



## 12. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

Company	Subsidiary undertakings £	Other £	Total £
Cost At 1 April 1994 Additions	2,940,958 3,000,000	6,922	2,947,880 3,000,000
At 31December 1994	5,940,958	6,922	5,947,880
Provision for diminution in value At 1 April 1994 and 31 December 1994	<u> </u>	6,922	6,922
Net book value At 31 December 1994	5,940,958	<u>-</u>	5,940,958
At 31 March 1994	2,940,958	-	2,940,958
The subsidiary undertakings at 31 December 1994 were:			
Company	Country of incorporation or registration		Proportion of ordinary shares held
Company Parkersell (Lighting & Electrical) Services Ltd	incorporation or		of ordinary
•	incorporation or registration		of ordinary shares held
Parkersell (Lighting & Electrical) Services Ltd	incorporation or registration  England		of ordinary shares held 100%
Parkersell (Lighting & Electrical) Services Ltd  Parkersell Lighting Services (Ireland) Ltd	incorporation or registration  England  Ireland		of ordinary shares held 100% 100%
Parkersell (Lighting & Electrical) Services Ltd  Parkersell Lighting Services (Ireland) Ltd  Power and Data Installations Ltd	incorporation or registration  England  Ireland  England		of ordinary shares held 100% 100%
Parkersell (Lighting & Electrical) Services Ltd  Parkersell Lighting Services (Ireland) Ltd  Power and Data Installations Ltd  Parkersell GmbH	incorporation or registration  England  Ireland  England  Germany		of ordinary shares held 100% 100% 100%
Parkersell (Lighting & Electrical) Services Ltd  Parkersell Lighting Services (Ireland) Ltd  Power and Data Installations Ltd  Parkersell GmbH  Parkersell SA	incorporation or registration  England  Ireland  England  Germany  France		of ordinary shares held 100% 100% 100% 100% 60.4%

All subsidiary undertakings install and maintain lighting and electrical equipment or associated services.



## 13. STOCKS AND WORK IN PROGRESS

Group	31 December 1994 £	31 March 1994 £
Raw materials and finished goods for resale Work in progress	3,713,231 1,323,386	3,132,127 1,011,744
	5,036,617	4,143,871

#### 14. DEBTORS

Group		Company	
31 December 1994	31 March 1994	31 December 1994	31 March 1994
£	£	£	£
9,776,166	8,920,861	-	-
-	-	125,000	39,000
90,142	174,456	5,000	1,805
315,353	202,294	896	
10,181,661	9,297,611	130,896	40,805
	31 December 1994 £ 9,776,166 - 90,142 315,353	31 December 1994 1994 £ £ 9,776,166 8,920,861 90,142 174,456 315,353 202,294	31 December 1994 1994 1994 £ £ £  9,776,166 8,920,861 - 125,000 174,456 5,000 315,353 202,294 896

All debtors are due within one year.

# 15. GROUP UNDERTAKINGS

Amounts due from:

	Group		Company	
	31 December 1994	31 March 1994	31 December 1994	31 March 1994
	_			_
	£	£	£	£
Subsidiary undertakings	-	-	1,321,749	991,542
Fellow subsidiary undertakings	67,952	207,666	-	-
	67,952	207,666	1,321,749	991,542
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#### 16. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	Group		Company	
	31 December 1994	31 March 1994	31 December 1994	31 March 1994
	£	£	£	£
Bank loans and overdrafts - secured	3,568,844	765,402	2,947,187	218,439
Obligations under hire purchase contracts	124,696	98,640	-	-
Trade creditors	2,392,672	2,534,215	-	-
Amounts due to subsidiary undertakings	-	-	441,540	1,841,990
Amounts due to parent undertaking	33,605	910,320	33,605	910,320
Current corporation tax	485,089	601,902	-	-
Overseas taxation	16,075	26,561	-	-
Other taxes and social security costs	1,391,486	967,963	17,294	16,158
Other creditors	842,600	640,909	207,413	-
Accruals and deferred income	921,509	673,354	132,523	107,532
Proposed dividend	489,235	669,653	489,235	669,653
	10,265,811	7,888,919	4,268,797	3,764,092

The bank loans and overdrafts are secured by a debenture over the assets of the company and by a cross guarantee between Parkersell Group companies.

Obligations under hire purchase contracts are secured by the related assets.

## 17. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

	Group 31 December 1994	Group 31 March 1994
	£	£
Obligations under hire purchase contracts		
expiring in two to five years	128,486	137,940
Overseas taxation	<del>-</del>	103,598
	128,486	241,538
Instalments payable:		
within one year	140,769	114,458
within 2 - 5 years	135,528	146,834
	276,297	261,292
Future interest	(23,115)	(24,712)
Capital outstanding	253,182	236,580
Capital disclosed as:		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
due within one year	124,696	98,640
due after one year	128,486	137,940
	253,182	236,580
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#### 18. PROVISION FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES

18.	PROVISION FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES			
			Group 31 December 1994 £	Group 31 March 1994 £
	Deferred taxation		28,368	<u> </u>
	Deferred taxation provided in the accounts is as follows:			
	Capital allowances in excess of depreciation Short term timing differences		53,118 (24,750)	-
			28,368	
19.	SHARE CAPITAL			
			31 December 1994 £	31 March 1994 £
	Authorised: 1,000,000 ordinary shares of £1 each		1,000,000	1,000,000
	Allotted, called up and fully paid: 700,000 ordinary shares of £1 each		700,000	700,000
20.	RESERVES			
	Group	Share premium £	Other reserves £	Profit and loss account
	Balance at 1 April 1994 Retained profit for the financial period Exchange differences on retranslation	238 - -	26,791 - -	8,999,357 489,234 22,383
	Balance at 31 December 1994	238	26,791	9,510,974
	Company			
	Balance at 1 April 1994 Profit for the financial period	238	26,791	(53,825) 2,890,931
	Balance at 31 December 1994	238	26,791	2,837,106
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The cumulative amount of goodwill written off at 31 December 1994 was £278,993.



# 21. RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENTS IN SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS

	Group		Company	
	31 December 1994	31 March 1994	31 December 1994	31 March 1994
Profit for the financial period Dividends paid	978,469 (489,235)	1,339,307 (669,653)	3,380,166 (489,235)	569,975 (669,653)
	489,234	669,654	2,890,931	(99,678)
Other recognised gains and losses relating to the period	22,383	(33,834)		
Total movements	511,617	635,820	2,890,931	(99,678)
Opening shareholders' funds	9,726,386	9,090,566	673,204	772,882
Closing shareholders' funds	10,238,003	9,726,386	3,564,135	673,204

## 22. FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS

Authorised future capital expenditure amounted to:

Group		Company	
31 December 1994	31 March 1994	31 December 1994	31 March 1994
£	£	£	£
52,335	39,112	_	-
ating leases are as	follows:		
31 Decem	ber 1994	31 Marc	ch 1994
Land and buildings	Plant and machinery	Land and buildings	Plant and machinery £
£	T	L	£
58,466	-	101,688	-
287,286	-	225,751	-
425,714	-	337,404	-
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# NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

## 9 month period ended 31 December 1994

#### 23. PENSION COMMITMENTS

The group operates a defined benefit pension scheme which is funded by the payment of contributions to a separately administered trust fund. The assets of the scheme are held separately from that of the group.

The contributions to the scheme are determined with the advice of independent qualified actuaries using the aggregate method of valuation. The most recent valuation was conducted at 1 May 1991, using the following main assumptions:

Rate of return on investments Rate of salary increases

8.5% per annum 7% per annum

No increase in pensions.

The valuation showed that the market value of the scheme's assets at that date amounted to £1,556,000. The level of funding, being the actuarial value of assets expressed as a percentage of the benefits accrued to members on an ongoing basis, was 107%. The total cost of retirement benefits for the group was £218,448 (31 March 1994: £217,532)

#### 24. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

#### Company

On 10 January 1994 the group entered into an agreement with its parent company Energy and Technical Services Group plc and fellow subsidiary undertakings. A cross guarantee exists between all parties to the agreement whereby each company has guaranteed the bank current accounts of the others. The Energy and Technical Services Group plc has an unsecured overdraft facility of £5 million.

Parkersell Limited has issued guarantees in favour of:

Bayerische Hypotheken and Weschel Bank DM 250,000

Barclays Bank SA, Lyon FFR1,100,000

#### Group and company

At year end the Group has issued general performance bonds to various customers amounting to £120,116.

Parkersell Limited has issued a guarantee in favour of HM Customs & Excise in the sum of £10,000.

The company is registered with HM Customs & Excise as a member of a group for VAT purposes and, as a result, is jointly and severally liable on a continuing basis for amounts owing by other members of that group in respect of unpaid VAT.

#### 25. ULTIMATE PARENT UNDERTAKING

The parent undertaking is Energy and Technical Services Group plc, a company incorporated in Great Britain and registered in England and Wales. The ultimate parent undertaking is Compagnie Generale des Eaux, a company incorporated in France. These are the smallest and largest undertakings for which group accounts are drawn up. Copies of the group accounts are available from:

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